LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting portions of electronic data on a display device, comprising the steps of:

generating a selection area identifying a first portion of said electronic data, wherein said selection area includes a plurality of selection handles, said selection handles being peripherally disposed to said selection area;

receiving an input from a user associated with said ~~one or more~~ selection handles for detecting a movement of one of said selection handles from on said display; and

determining whether said movement is associated with an upstream indication or a downstream indication;

resizing said selection area among said selection handles while maintaining a selection of said portions of the electronic data responsive to said step of determining and said user input.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic data is text data.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of receiving an input further comprises the step of said user selecting and dragging said one of said selection handles.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said display device is a tablet personal computer, and said step of said user selecting and dragging is performed using a stylus.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of resizing is performed in accordance with a directional flow of a language of said electronic data.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting portions of electronic data on a display device, comprising the steps of:

~~generating~~ displaying a selection area identifying a first portion of said electronic data, wherein said selection area includes two graphical selection handles on opposing ends ~~sides~~ of said identified selection area;

receiving an input from a user ~~associated with~~ for movement of at least one of said graphical selection handles; and

resizing said selection area among said graphical selection handles responsive to said user input of movement of the least one graphical selection handle and while maintaining a position of the other said graphical selection handle.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of exchanging handles when a first of said selection handles is relocated to an opposite ~~side~~ end of said selection area.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic data includes one or more graphical image objects.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting portions of electronic data on a display device, comprising the steps of:

generating a selection area identifying a first portion of said electronic data, wherein said selection area includes a plurality of graphic selection handles;

receiving an input from a user associated with a plurality of selection handles; and

resizing said selection area responsive to said user input,

wherein said step of resizing further comprises the step of automatically resizing said selection area ~~to highlight~~ select an entire image object when said user relocates said one of said selection handles ~~to highlight~~ over a portion of said image object.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 9, wherein said selection area further includes an image object handle.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said image object handle is a rotational tool for rotating said selected image object.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic data identified by said selection area is displayed in a different color from electronic data not identified by said selection area.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said step of resizing is performed as said selection handle is relocated.

14. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

15. (Currently Amended) A portable computing device comprising a display area and a stylus, configured to:

display electronic text data on said display area;

detect a user selection of a portion of said text data using said stylus;

display a selection area identifying said selected portion of said text data, wherein said selection area includes first and second graphical selection handles on opposing ends ~~sides~~ of said selection area;

detect a user selection and upstream or downstream movement of said first selection handle; and

resize said selection area responsive to said user selection and detected movement of said first selection handle.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, further configured to resize said selection area in accordance with a directional flow of a language of said text data.

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, further configured to automatically exchange selection handles when said user selects and moves said first selection handle to an opposite end ~~side~~ of said selection area.

18. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said user selection of said portion of said text data is generated by double-tapping said stylus on said display area, and said portion of said text data is a single word.

19. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said user selection of said portion of said text data is generated by tapping and dragging said stylus on said display area.

20. (New) The device according to claim 15, wherein said electronic text data comprises electronic ink.